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ACTION: Ambassador ELLSTON 341 PRIORITY

Your 30h

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I was greatly heartened to hear him reiterate Jamaica's firm support, which you have so forthrightly expressed both in private and in public.

I have asked the Department of State to keep in close touch with your Embassy in order to ensure that any joint measures which may become necessary to protect U.S. and Jamaican security are fully coordinated.

Very respectfully,  
John F. Kennedy

May

Dated by:

W.F. BAKER/10/21/62

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May I express my deep appreciation for Jamaica's friendship and support which Ambassador Ashenhain conveyed on your behalf."

Appreciate urgently your statements on whether such message would assist in resolving doubts indicated reftal and perhaps result in public expression of Jamaican bipartisan support in line with Ashenhain's assurances to President. (b)(1)

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ACTION: Ambassador KINGSTON 341 PRIORITY

Your 804

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